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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *15 April 2005*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-18* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-18* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *27 September 2001* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☒ All   b)☐ Some *   c)☐ None of:

        1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/27/01</u>.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   Action is in response to the office correspondence of December 6, 2005.

2.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 - 18 have been considered but are

moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Specification

3.   The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to

determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is

requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the

specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4.   The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly
> claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5.   **Claims 7 and 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being

indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention.

6.   In regards to **claim 7**, the examiner is unsure as to whether the third interface

(listener interface) responds to actions in the view sub-system or if the handler sub-

system responds to actions in the view sub-system.

7.   The term **"substantially"** in **claim 10** is a relative term which renders the claim

indefinite. The term **"substantially"** is not defined by the claim, the specification does

not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in

the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Are the sub-

systems independent or not? How can something be created *sort of/somewhat*

independent?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

9.   **Claims 1 – 18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Beckett et al. (US Patent 6,564,368 B1).

10.   In regards to **claim 1**, **Beckett** discloses a method of developing a computer

system, comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

defining a first interface associated with a proposed view sub-system and with a

proposed business logic sub-system, wherein the proposed view sub-system and the

proposed business logic sub-system interact only via the first interface **(Column 1**

Lines 24 – 30, 44 - 47; Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47);

defining a second interface associated with a proposed handler sub-system and

with the proposed business logic sub-system, wherein the proposed handler sub-

system and the proposed business logic sub-system interact only via the second

interface **(Column 1 Lines 24 – 30, 44 - 47; Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47)**;

wherein the proposed view sub-system, the proposed business logic sub-system,

and the proposed handler sub-system are all isolated from each other **(Column 1 Lines**

44 – 47; Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47);

creating the proposed view sub-system in accord with the first interface **(Column 6 Lines 20 – 27)**; and

creating the proposed handler sub-system in accord with the second interface **(Column 6 Lines 20 – 27)**.

Becket, however, fails to explicitly state the exact arrangement of 3 sub-systems with interfaces between each sub-system.

However, Becket does disclose that multiple interfaces can be used to connect multiple objects and that one of ordinary skill in the art would know that there are numerous ways of connecting the sub-systems **(Column 6 Lines 20 – 27; Column 8 Lines 23 – 27)**. Moreover, it would have been obvious that the sub-systems would be isolated from each other when an interface is placed between them. Further still, it would be obvious that the sub-systems would be in accord with their respected interfaces in order to avoid compatibility issues.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that using the teachings of Beckett **(specifically Col. 6 L. 20 – 27 & Col. 8 L. 23 – 27)** the industry is assured the rapid, high-quality construction of products.

11.   In regard to **claims 2 – 4**, **Beckett** discloses that multiple sub-systems with their respected interfaces can be used, as already discussed above.

12.   In regards to **claim 5**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the first interface defines a plurality of methods for data storage and retrieval that are implemented in the business logic sub-system **(Column 6 Lines 34 – 55)**.

13.   In regards to **claim 6**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the second interface defines a plurality of methods of business logic that are

implemented in the business logic sub-system **(Column 6 Lines 34 – 55)**.

14.   In regards to **claim 7**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the third interface is a listener interface that defines a plurality of methods in the

handler sub-system which respond to actions in the view sub-system **(Column 10**

Lines 48 – 60).

15.   In regards to **claim 8**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the fourth interface defines a plurality of methods which are implemented in the

view sub-system for use by the handler sub-system **(Column 6 Lines 34 – 55)**.

16.   In regards to **claim 9**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the view sub-system includes a plurality of user interface objects **(Column 1**

Lines 30 – 37; Column 3 Lines 1 – 8; 42 – 50);

the handler sub-system includes a plurality of use case control objects **(Column**

1 Lines 30 – 37; Column 3 Lines 1 – 8; 42 – 50); and

the business sub-system includes a plurality of business logic objects **(Column 1**

Lines 30 – 37; Column 3 Lines 1 – 8; 42 – 50).

17.   In regards to **claim 10**, **Beckett** discloses wherein:

the sub-systems are created substantially independently of each other once the

interfaces have been defined **(discussed above)**.

18.   In regards to **claim 11**, **Beckett** discloses a computer software system in a

computer readable medium, said system comprising:

first instructions defining a view sub-system including presentation objects which

provide a user interface **(Column 3 Lines 44 - 47)**;

second instructions defining a business logic sub-system including use case

objects which hold business data and implement business functions **(Column 3 Lines**

44 - 47);

third instructions defining a handler sub-system including controller objects which

control actions of the view sub-system and actions of the business logic sub-system

(Column 3 Lines 44 - 47);

fourth instructions defining a data interface only through which the view sub-

system obtains business data for the presentation objects **(Column 1 Lines 24 – 30, 44**

- 47; Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47); and

fifth instructions defining a business interface only through which the handler

sub-system invokes business functions **(Column 1 Lines 24 – 30, 44 - 47; Column 3**

Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47).

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with interfaces between each sub-system.

However, Becket does disclose that multiple interfaces can be used to connect

multiple objects and that one of ordinary skill in the art would know that there are

numerous ways of connecting the sub-systems **(Column 6 Lines 20 – 27; Column 8**

Lines 23 – 27). Moreover, it would have been obvious that the sub-systems would be

isolated from each other when an interface is placed between them. Further still, it

would be obvious that the sub-systems would be in accord with their respected

interfaces in order to avoid compatibility issues.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at

the time of the invention that using the teachings of Beckett **(specifically Col. 6 L 20 –**

27 & Col. 8 L 23 – 27) the industry is assured the rapid, high-quality construction of

products.

19.   In regards to **claim 12**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions defining a listener

interface through which the handler sub-system responds to events in the user interface

(Column 10 Lines 48 – 60).

20.   In regards to **claim 13**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions defining a view

actions interface through which the handler sub-system invokes actions in the user

interface **(Column 1 Lines 30 – 37; Column 3 Lines 1 – 8; 42 – 50; Column 10 Lines**

48 – 60).

21.   In regards to **claim 14**, **Beckett** discloses a computer program in a computer

readable medium, said program comprising:

first instructions defining at least one view object including presentation objects

which provide a user interface **(Column 3 Lines 44 - 47)**;

second instructions defining at least one business logic object holding business

data and implementing business functions **(Column 3 Lines 44 - 47)**;

third instructions defining at least one handler object which controls actions of at

least one of the view objects and actions of at least one of the business logic objects

(Column 3 Lines 44 - 47);

fourth instructions defining a data interface only through which the at least one

view object obtains business data for the presentation objects **(Column 1 Lines 24 –**

30, 44 - 47; Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47); and

fifth instructions defining a business interface only through which the at least one

handler object invokes business functions **(Column 1 Lines 24 – 30, 44 - 47; Column**

3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47).

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the time of the invention that using the teachings of Beckett **(specifically Col. 6 L 20 –**

27 & Col. 8 L 23 – 27) the industry is assured the rapid, high-quality construction of

products.

22.   In regards to **claim 15**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions defining a listener

interface through which the handler object responds to events in the user interface

(Column 10 Lines 48 – 60).

23.   In regards to **claim 16**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions defining a view action

interface through which the handler object invokes actions in the user interface

(Column 1 Lines 30 – 37; Column 3 Lines 1 – 8; 42 – 50; Column 10 Lines 48 – 60).

24.   In regards to **claim 17**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions for further defining

the view sub-system, the business logic sub-system, and the handler sub-system such

that each sub-system is isolated from another sub-system **(Column 1 Lines 44 – 47;**

Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47).

25.   In regards to **claim 18**, **Beckett** discloses sixth instructions for further defining

the view sub-system, the business logic sub-system, and the handler sub-system such

that each sub-system is isolated from another sub-system **(Column 1 Lines 44 – 47;**

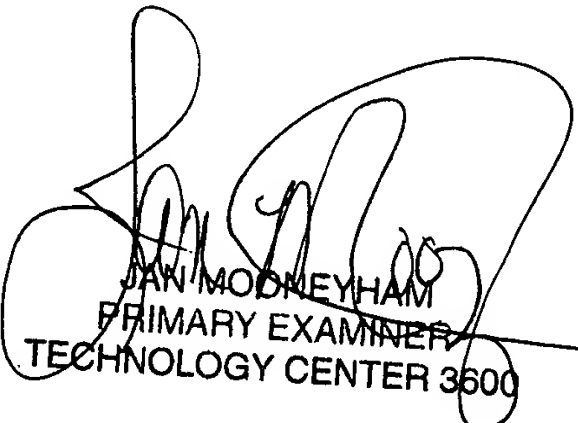**Column 3 Lines 1 – 12, 44 - 47)**.

Conclusion

26.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure can be found on PTO-892 Notice of References Cited.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Gerardo Araque Jr. whose telephone number is

(571)272-3747. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30AM -

4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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